

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7 JUNE 2012

Minutes of the annual general meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady, at 7 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin and G Robinson, Councillors O Beattie A Brolly, M Carten, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, D Nicholl, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Administration Officer and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - None.

REMARKS BY OUTGOING MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR:

Councillor McGlinchey welcomed those seated in the viewing gallery to Council's Annual General Meeting. He took the opportunity to reflect on his 12 months in office, which had been busy and eventful but passed in a blink of an eye.

From the outset, Councillor McGlinchey thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Orla Beattie and presenting her with a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation for her assistance. He said that she had been a great help to him throughout the year and ensured that Council was formally represented at all events.

Councillor McGlinchey indicated that he had hosted various Mayoral receptions and welcomed visitors from home, across the island, from Europe and other parts of the world. He had attended numerous events throughout the Borough and said that it had been an honour to present certificates to members of the community for their educational, sporting, volunteering and vocational achievements. He said that being Mayor had provided him with the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and no matter where he went; he was made to feel welcome and treated with respect.

Councillor McGlinchey stated that the highlights of his year had been the children's concert held in the civic centre, the opening of the community room and the fun day held at Benone Beach.

Councillor McGlinchey made reference to Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró and said it had only opened its doors to the public 6 months before he became Mayor. He said that the centre demonstrated Council's faith and confidence in the future of the Borough. He added that he was really proud to see it going from strength to strength during its first year of operation and that it had evolved into a well established venue for residents to visit and enjoy, not only for the arts, exhibitions and events but also as a much needed community resource providing a shared space, in which the whole community could take ownership.

Councillor McGlinchey pointed out that he did not have a particular charity for the year and instead chose to donate money to various smaller local charities and groups. He said as members were aware, it was usual for the Mayor to host a charity fundraiser near the end of term in office, however, given the current economic downturn and the difficulties which many people were experiencing, he had decided to break from tradition and opted for a charity run/walk as opposed to a formal event. The event which was held on 14 April 2012 at Benone Tourist Complex raised over £2,500, with Roe Valley Special Olympics being the main beneficiary. It was noted that local charities had also benefited from the £2,000 raised at the children's concert.

Councillor McGlinchey indicated that he had been delighted to visit residential and nursing homes over the Christmas period and again before his term in office came to an end. He said that a reception had been held for the various groups who provided artwork for the Community Room. These included Hands that Talk, Rossmar School, Bovally Residents Association, Drumsum Community Association, Edenvale Care Home, Rushbrook Residential Centre, Seeds of Hope, North West Regional College and Rutledge Joblink. He added that he was pleased to welcome clients from Benbradagh Resource Centre/Willow Group & Glenshane Care Association and that it had been humbling to have brightened up someone's day with a visit to the Council Offices.

Last but not least, Councillor McGlinchey thanked all those who had supported him throughout his year in office; these included his party colleagues, elected members, the press and Council staff from the Chief Executive to the caretaker. He expressed sincere gratitude to Jean and Bill Jefferson from Coleraine and said their support over the 12 months had been heartfelt. Finally, he paid tribute to his wife Grainne, his family and friends and said Grainne had been a pillar of support to him over the past 20 years and without her help he would not have been the family man he was today.

Alderman Coyle thanked the outgoing Mayor for his work throughout the year and said that comments made by the public reflected the help that Councillor McGlinchey had given to local residents. He said it had been a big jump for both Councillor McGlinchey and Councillor Beattie as they were both newly elected

Councillors with little experience of public office before accepting the roles of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Councillor Brolly who went on to say that Councillor McGlinchey was a good community activist, with unpublished work being carried out behind the scenes. She said that even if you disagreed with Councillor McGlinchey political views, there was no doubt that he was a good man.

Councillor Beattie congratulated Councillor McGlinchey on his successful year and said they worked well as a team. She extended her thanks to Council staff for advice and support over the past 12 months.

ELECTION OF MAYOR 2012/2013:

Councillor McGlinchey sought nominations from SF for the office of Mayor for the year 2012/2013.

Councillor Brolly proposed, seconded by Councillor Chivers that Councillor McLaughlin be elected as the Mayor for 2012/13. Agreed.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Councillor McLaughlin took the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He thanked those who had nominating him as Mayor and said Councillor McGlinchey would be a hard act to follow. He said it was an honour & privilege to have been selected by Sinn Féin as Mayor as this would make him the youngest ever Mayor of the Borough and the first Sinn Féin Mayor from the Bellarena ward. He said many of his family were present to give their support, with the exception of his late father, who he hoped was looking down on him with a big smile on his face. He also thanked Gleann na Rua football team for their help during his election campaign and to the people of Bellarena ward for voting for him. He gave a guarantee to them and to the people of the Borough that he would work tirelessly on their behalf and attend as many engagements as possible. He encouraged organisation from all communities to request his attendance at events.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2012/2013:

Under the D'Hondt system the post of Deputy Mayor was allocated to the DUP. Councillor McCorkell proposed, seconded by Alderman Robinson that Councillor Robinson would be elected as Deputy Mayor for the year 2012/13. Agreed.

A short recess was held at 7.10 pm. Business resumed at 7.20 pm.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

It was agreed that all 15 members be elected to the following standing committees:

Support Services Committee:
Environmental Services Committee
Development Committee:
Planning and Services Committee:

AUDIT COMMITTEE (4):

Alderman Coyle, Alderman Rankin, Councillor Nicholl and Councillor Douglas were elected to the Audit Committee for the year 2012/2013.

APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO:

It was highlighted that members should only put their name forward to sit on committees if they were committed to attending the groups meetings. It was also suggested that it should be reinforced to the groups that they should let elected members know when the meetings were being held.

Aghanloo Community Association (2): Councillor Beattie and Councillor Stevenson were elected to serve on this committee.

Ballykelly Community Association (2): Councillor Nicholl and Alderman Robinson were elected to serve on this committee.

Binevenagh AONB (1): Councillor Mullan was nominated to serve on this Forum.

Bio-Diversity Steering Committee (2): Councillor Mullan and Alderman Rankin were nominated to serve on this committee.

Causeway Coast Arts Committee (1): Councillor Mullan and the Events & Cultural Officer were elected to serve on this committee.

Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust (1): Councillor McLaughlin and the Director of Development were elected to serve on this committee.

Causeway Museum Service (2): Councillor Mullan and Alderman Rankin were elected to serve on this committee.

COAST (1): Councillor McGlinchey.

Confederation of European Councillors Executive Committee: (1 National Association of Councillors representative): Alderman Coyle.

Ferry Service Working Group (3): Alderman Coyle, Councillor Stevenson, and Councillor McLaughlin.

Foreglen Community Association (2): Councillor McCaul and Alderman Coyle were elected to serve on the committee.

Forum for Local Government and the Arts (1): Councillor Mullan was elected to serve on this committee.

Gender Equality Steering Group (2): Councillor Beattie and Councillor Chivers were elected to serve on this committee.

Gortnaghey Community Association (1): Alderman Coyle was elected to serve on this committee.

Greysteel Community Association (2): Councillor Beattie and Councillor Nicholl were elected to serve on this committee.

Greysteel Community Enterprises (2): Councillor Beattie and Councillor Nicholl were elected to serve on this committee.

Irish Language Sub-Committee (4): 2SF, 1 SDLP, 1 UUC and 1 officer): Councillor Beattie, Councillor Brolly, Councillor Nicholl and Alderman Coyle and Irish Language Officer were elected to serve on this committee.

Limavady Community Development Initiative & Advice Services Sub Group (2, plus 1 Officer): Councillor Mullan, Councillor McGlinchey and the Director of Development were elected to serve on this committee.

Limavady Road Safety Committee (Open to any interested members): No interest was shown to sit on this committee.

Limavady Sports Council (4): Councillor Beattie, Alderman Rankin, Councillor McCorkell and Councillor McGlinchey were elected to serve on this committee.

Limavady Twinning Committee (Vigneux & Westport) (4) to include the Mayor ex officio: Councillor McGlinchey, Councillor McCorkell, Councillor Mullan and Councillor Nicholl were nominated to the joint twinning Committee.

Magilligan Community Association (3): Councillor Beattie, Councillor McLaughlin and Councillor Mullan were elected to serve on this committee.

Management Committee – Grammar School Pitch (2) plus Director of Development: Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Beattie were elected to serve on this committee.

National Association of Councillors (3 plus standby): Alderman Coyle, Councillor McCorkell and Councillor Chivers were elected to serve on this committee. No standby was elected.

Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (2): Alderman Rankin and Councillor Mullan were elected to serve on this committee.

Northern Corridor Railway Task Force (2): Councillor Nicholl and Alderman Rankin were elected to serve on this committee.

Northern Group Building Control Committee (2 plus standby): Alderman Rankin and Councillor Mullan were elected to serve on this committee. No standby was elected.

Northern Ireland Local Government Association (4): Councillor Chivers, Councillor Nicholl, Alderman Robinson and Alderman Coyle were elected to serve on this committee.

North West Region Waste Management Joint Committee (2): Alderman Rankin and Councillor Alderman Coyle were elected to serve on this committee.

North West Partnership Board (1): Councillor McGlinchey and the Chief Executive.

Peace III Programme (2): Alderman Rankin and Councillor Mullan were elected to serve on this committee.

PCSP (9): Councillor Chivers (Chair), Councillor Brolly, Councillor McCaul, Councillor Nicholl, Councillor McCorkell, Councillor Robinson, Councillor Mullan, Alderman Coyle and Alderman Rankin.

Play and Leisure Partnership (2): Alderman Rankin and Councillor Nicholl were elected to serve on this committee.

Regional Governance Group (1, plus substitute): Councillor Mullan and Councillor Chivers as substitute.

Roe Valley Arts & Heritage Committee (2): Councillor Mullan, Alderman Rankin, plus 1 officer were elected to serve on this committee.

Roe Valley Chamber of Trade: It was agreed that this committee would be open to all elected members.

Rural Development Programme (LAG) (4): Councillor Mullan, Councillor Nicholl, Councillor Chivers and Councillor McLaughlin were elected to serve on this committee. There was no standby elected.

Sustainable Development Working Group (3): Alderman Coyle, Councillor Brolly, Alderman Rankin and 1 officer from each Directorate were nominated to serve on this committee.

Transition Committee (6): Councillor Nicholl, Councillor Mullan, Councillor McCorkell, Alderman Rankin and Councillor McCaul.

Website Committee (2): Alderman Coyle was elected to serve on this committee. 1 place remains unallocated.

Western Group Environmental Health Committee (2 plus standby): Alderman Rankin and Councillor Mullan were elected to serve on this committee. No standby was nominated.

Western Area Childcare Partnership (1): Councillor Chivers was elected to serve on this Committee.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING WERE NOT RENEWABLE AT THIS TIME:

- (a) Causeway Coast Tourism Partnership (2011-15)
- (b) Disability Working Group (2011-15)
- (c) Feeny Community Association (2011-15)
- (d) Northern Ireland Housing Council (2011-15)
- (e) North West Region Cross Border Group (2011-15)
- (f) Reserves Forces & Cadets Association for Northern Ireland (2011-15)
- (g) Roe Valley Enterprises (2011-15)
- (h) Somme Advisory Committee (2011-15)
- (i) Sperrins Tourism Ltd (2011-15)
- (j) WELB (1) Councillor Brolly nominated in November 2010 to transitional committee until the new Education & Skills Authority would be established.

Disbanded/No Longer Meet: (a) DPP; (b) CSP (c) Home Accident Prevention Committee (d) Olympic Committee

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

North West Region Cross Border Group: In response to a member, the Chief Executive agreed to contact the North West Region Cross Border Group regarding nomination of a third member to the group.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.40 PM

Signed: _____
Mayor